



City of Barrie

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Minutes - Final Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

For consideration by the City Building Committee on June 15, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, K. Aylwin at 10:03 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 9 - Councillor K. Aylwin
Councillor A. Kungl
A. McNair - Nature Barrie
E. Jacoby-Hawkins
E. vanWesenbeeck
J. Northcote
K. Patterson-McGrath
T. Searls
W. Steimle

Absent: 2 - M. Kavanagh
S. Diaz - SMDHU

STAFF:

Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Infrastructure Planning Engineer, B. Gratrix
Manager of Parks and Forestry, K. Bradley
Supervisor of Urban Forestry and Natural Areas Stewardship, K. Rankin
Transit Operations Planner, M. McConnell
Senior Transportation Operations Tech, Justin MacDonald
Planner, Tomasz Wierzba
Manager of GIS, Brent Harlow

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follows:

EXPLORING DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION APPLICATION FOR MOBILE DEVICES

Brett Gratrix, Transportation Planning Lead referred to previous discussions of the Committee regarding an Active Transportation Mobile app, whereas, Brent Harlow, Manager of GIS was invited to speak on some requirements, challenges, and opportunities.

The Committee discussed data retrievals from existing applications used, such as Strava and Google, for analysis to understand some of the trends and patterns concerning cycling routes, walking routes, and other active transportation. Other data analysis information discussed were the tracking of times to reach a destination and how long spent at a location.

The Committee asked questions regarding the existing applications that were mentioned, as well as their uses, their capabilities, other data retrievals and analysis, and were provided answers.

OFFICIAL PLAN FEEDBACK FOLLOW-UP

Tomasz Wierzba, Planner discussed the Committee's submissions into the Official Plan draft and provided an update on the Transportation Master Plan. He talked about the anticipated growth and the increasing population of the city. Mr. Wierzba indicated that the previous Transportation Master Plan was not based on that level of growth, whereas the current Transportation Master Plan will need to be revisited. Mr. Wierzba discussed arterial roads as freight supportive quarters and how putting active transportation on those roads would be challenging. He indicated road designs were being implemented within the pending Urban Design Guidelines to identify what type of infrastructure could be implemented within the Transportation Master Plan to consider all additional growth.

Members of the Committee asked questions and were provided responses from City staff.

CROMPTON PARK SUBCOMMITTEE

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANNING AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION EDUCATION

John Northcote provided a presentation on School Travel Planning and Active Transportation Education. He briefly went over the outlined information within a draft presentation, and discussed the following topics:

- An Overview
 - Presentation Outline
- Presenter Background
- Barrie's Active Transportation and Sustainability
- Objective
 - Increase Active Transportation and Sustainability
 - Making the Case
 - Healthier Children
 - Less Traffic/Pollution
 - Safer School Zones
 - Better Academic Performance
 - Approach/Materials
 - Encourage and Track Active Transportation
 - Ontario Active School Travel Kit
 - Encourage and Recognize
 - Individuals
 - Classes
 - Schools
 - Recognition at Barrie Council
 - Awards
- Questions/Approach

He further provided a slide presentation of Toronto's Active and Safe Routes to School, Teacher's Kit to the Committee as a term of reference.

Justin MacDonald, Senior Transportation Operations Technician clarified that he is apart of the Walking Group for the Health Unit's After School Safety Travel. He indicated that there are currently four schools within the city that are actively participating a program. Mr. MacDonald mentioned that the Health Unit's Hands-Up Survey was completed to get information such as:

- How many siblings attend the school;
- Modes of transportation barriers;
- How did you get to school; and
- How did you get home.

He mentioned that reduced speeds in Community Safety Zones and missing signage were brainstormed ideas for more city implemented measures.

The Committee discussed the presentation in detail and they discussed ideas and asked questions of City staff and received responses.

BUS STOP POLLINATOR GARDENS

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

UPDATE ON THE FIREBIRD COMMUNITY CYCLE GRANT APPLICATION

Councillor Aylwin provided an update regarding Firebird and the Community Cycle Grant Application. He shared that Firebird has decided not to move forward with the grant application because they decided to focus on their core mandate to repair and sell second-hand bikes.

THE CITY OF GUELPH'S LANDSCAPE VISIT PROGRAM

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

PARKS PASSPORT - POLLINATOR GARDEN PROMOTION

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

CHAIRMAN